

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Michael J. Kasper, Treasurer Democratic Party of Illinois P.O. Box 518 Springfield, IL 62705

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Reference:

Amended 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/98-10/14/98), received 3/8/99

Dear Mr. Kasper:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The limitation on making coordinated expenditures on behalf of a candidate for the 1998 general election is \$567,802. Your reports, however, disclose coordinated expenditures made on behalf of Carol Moseley Braun for U.S. Senate totalling \$805,282.94, which appear to exceed the limitations under 2 U.S.C. §441a(d) (pertinent portions attached).

If the expenditures in question were incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. If you have made an excessive coordinated expenditure, you should notify the candidate and request a refund of the amount in excess of the limitation. Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the candidate. In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the excessive coordinated expenditures, prompt action in obtaining a refund will be taken into consideration

-Schedule H3 of your report discloses transfers received from your

non-federal account which occur outside the permissible transfer period. Please be advised that <u>transfers for shared activity must be made within a 70-day time period</u>: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the <u>payment to the vendor</u>. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of these transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the total excessive amount received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period back to your non-federal account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely

Neil A. Evans Reports Analyst

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ITEMIZED COORDINATED EXPENDITURES MADE BY POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES OR DESIGNATED AGENTS(3) ON BEHALF OF CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL OFFICE (2 U.S.C. [441a(d))

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